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WAR ON SUBMARINES MAY FOLLOW SINKING OF THREE U. S. SHIPS

**President Considers Giving Orders to Navy to Act
Immediately—Believe Twenty-Four Sailors Are
Drowned—One Ship Unwarned—U-Boats
Refuse Aid.**

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

Washington, March 19. — United States and Germany are on verge of open hostilities.

With a virtual state of war existing as a result of the ruthless sinking by German submarines of three

American freighters, it is now believed inevitable that the first meeting between an armed American merchant vessel and a U-boat will mark the opening of actual hostilities.

Semi-official view is united that